

***Our Vision: To improve public education for all students by including and supporting parents***

### **Appeals Regulation**

The Government has released regulation defining grounds for appeals to the Superintendent of Achievement. This regulation will take effect for any appeals that are heard after March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. The document can be found on the Ministry of Education Manual of School Law webpage.

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/legislation/schoollaw/d/bcreg\\_024-08.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/legislation/schoollaw/d/bcreg_024-08.pdf)

Watch for an invitation by the Registrar of the Student Appeals Branch that will be inviting 2 parents from each district to attend an information session on the new regulations at the Marriot in Richmond on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The information packages made available for this information session will also be distributed to all members, after this date.

### **Learning Roundtable Met January 29**

The Learning Roundtable met on January 29 for the second time this school year. President Kim Howland and Second Vice-President Lori Tedrick attended this meeting. The report has been added to the BCCPAC website, please see:

[Learning Roundtable Report](#)

### **Interactive Innovations Travel Subsidy for BCCPAC Members**

On March 2 to 4, 2008 five locations across the province will play host to “Interactive Innovations III: A Showcase of Learners and Learning.” The Conference will be held in five cities (Victoria, Vancouver, Nelson, Vernon and Prince George) all interconnected online – in real time. Each site will focus on a single theme and will webcast a keynote presentation to each of the other sites. A one-time grant from the Ministry of Education has been secured to allow parent delegates to attend the conference at the location closest to their home. For more information please see:

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/resources/whatsnew.aspx>

### **Nominations Deadline February 28**

Members are reminded that BCCPAC is accepting nominations for the President; Second Vice President; Secretary; and two Directors. The election of these positions will be held at the Annual General Meeting, May 3-4. Nominations forms must reach the BCCPAC office by 11:59 pm on February 28, 2008. For more information please see:

[Call for Nominations Letter](#)

[Information for Potential Nominees](#)

[Nominations Form](#)

### **BCCPAC Awards Deadline March 1<sup>st</sup>**

BCCPAC reminds all members that the deadlines for the George Matthews Award for Excellence in Parent Leadership, the Bev Hosker Motivational Award, the BCCPAC Educational Award and the BCCPAC Life Membership Award are coming up March 1<sup>st</sup>. The George Matthews Award honours parents whose leadership, dedication, and influence have demonstrated to the education community the importance of the parent role in education. The Bev Hosker Motivational Award honours a parent or guardian who is a newly-involved parent taking on a leadership role in their PAC or DPAC. The

BCCPAC Educational Award is granted annually to a well-rounded student in Grade 12 who is involved and interested in many things and has an understanding of the importance of parent involvement in education. The Life Membership award is granted annually to an individual who has provided service to the Society and whose contribution is considered to have been innovative and of significant lasting importance for futhering the inclusion and support of parents in BC's public education system and the improvement of education for children in B C. For complete details on all awards see:

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/aboutus/awards.aspx>

### **Foundation Skills Assessment**

The Foundation Skills Assessment is being administered this year from February 4 to 15. The assessment is administered each year to Grade 4 and 7 students in public and provincially funded independent schools. For more information see the following documents which are also available on the website under the What's New section.

[Foundation Skills Assessment Information](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions About the Foundation Skills Assessment](#)

### **Student Congress to be Held April 4**

The second annual Student Congress will be held in Vancouver on April 4, 2008. The theme for this year's congress is "Your Education = Your Future." Secondary students in B.C. are encouraged to apply online. Applicants will be chosen at random; however, the process will ensure all regions of B.C. are represented and that students from public, independent and band schools are selected. Application forms must be received by Feb. 22, 2008 and are available at:

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/asc/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/asc/)

### **Deadline February 8 for Government Website Event Promotion Opportunity**

In honour of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Crown Colony of British Columbia and on behalf of her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, the Lieutenant Governor has proclaimed March 2008 Education Month. To celebrate Education Month, the Ministry of Education is putting together a Celebration of Learning Online Calendar. The Celebration of Learning Online Calendar will highlight education-related events taking place around the Province during Education Month. School Principals, school districts and other education partners have been sent invitations to submit events for consideration to the Celebration of Learning Online Calendar. Events that are featured on the Online Calendar will direct web traffic to the event host's website. The deadline for submissions is February 8, 2008.

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/edmonth/>

### **Deadline February 22 for Submissions to Reel Vue Student Film Project and Festival**

*Reel Vue* is open for submissions from Grade 10-12 students. Students submit an original artistic work in one of three media (visual arts, writing and music) for an opportunity to make films using state of the art equipment at the prestigious Gulf Islands Film and Television School (GIFTS). Submissions must be thematically linked to one of five themes relating to BC history (home, time, space, humanity and choice) and must be received by February 22. See below for complete details.

<http://reelvueonline.com>

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